

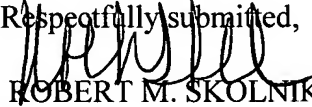
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REMARKS AND ARGUMENT

The first Official Action dated August 8, 2005 has been carefully studied. Several issues were raised in the action. First, the title was objected to. In response, the Examiner's suggested new title is adopted. The second issue was clarified by the Examiner in a telephone conference to the use in the specification, page 4, line 17 of "wall 36". A further issue was clarified on the telephone, namely, on the Notice of References Cited, the citation of reference B, 5,119,696, Yamaguchi, Hiroshi was erroneous. The correct citation should be 5, 19,969, Haber. In response, page 4. line 17 has been amended deleting reference to wall 36 and substituting reference to end cap 32.

The issues raised regarding the claims were lack of antecedent basis for "said carrier" in claim 1, line 11 and the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 on Cotiletta and Wise. The Examiner allowed claims 4-17 and noted claims 2-3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response to the claim issues, claim 1 has been amended to provide the required antecedent basis by deleting "carrier" and substituting "support surface" therefore, and amended by adding the limitations of dependent claims 2-3. Claims 2-3 have been canceled.

All issues having been dealt with in this response, reconsideration and favorable action is requested.

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